



Ever since the estate was established, ornamental gardens have been an integral part of the Rideau Hall landscape. Over the years, there have been many changes to reflect contemporary trends. During the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901), the gardens were laid out in a great variety of shapes ranging from clover leaves through geometrical patterns to stars. Then in the 20th century, the outlines softened until today the gardens offer a mosaic of colours, textures and scents.



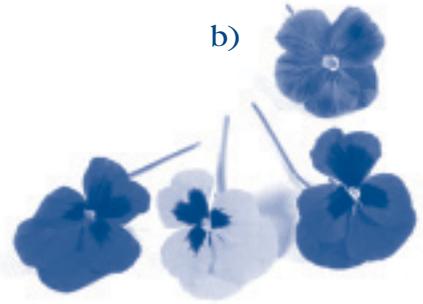
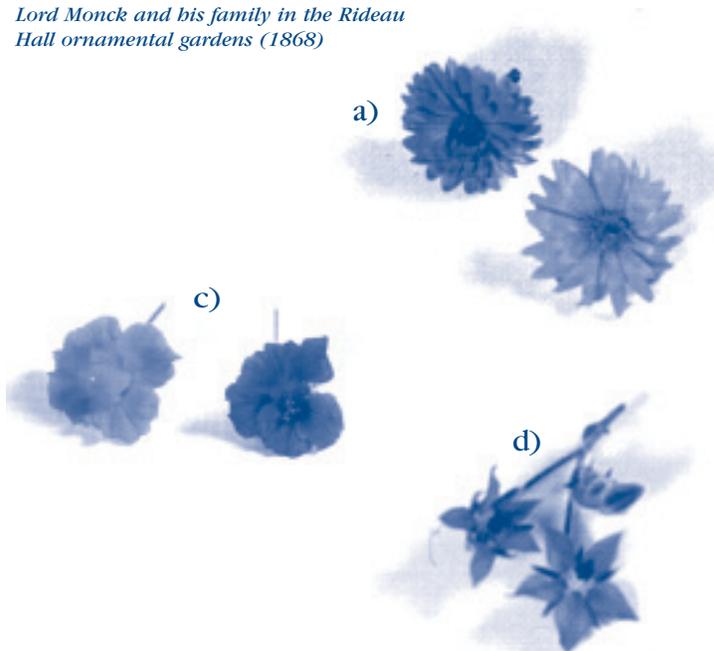
Lord Monck and his family in the Rideau Hall ornamental gardens (1868)

Stars Among the Flowers

Governor General Ramon J. Hnatyshyn meets the public during a Garden Party at Rideau Hall (1993)



Even today, the ornamental gardens, composed of perennials, are used not only as a place of reflection, but also for official receptions. Also, Canadians are invited every year to meet the Governor General during the summer Garden Party, which is held in the gardens and grounds of Rideau Hall.



Edible Beauties

Flowers have been used as items of food around the globe since ancient times. Rearrange the letters into the correct order and find some of the edible flowers used at Rideau Hall. Refer to the pictures of flowers.

- a) dalceanul _____ c) tmusmartni _____
- b) ysnpa _____ d) goreba _____